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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM, ASEC

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL THAT PNEUMATIC TUBE DOCUMENT TRANSMISSION SYSTEM BE INSTALLED BETWEEN TWO BUILDINGS IN EMBASSY COMPOUND

REF: S/KAG-1B, PARA 5009

1. CHIEF, MILITARY EQUIPMENT DELIVERY TEAM CAMBODIA (CHMEDTC) HAS PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A PNEUMATIC TUBE SYSTEM FOR THE DELIVERY OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE EMBASSY C&R AREA AND THE MEDTC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. THE JUSTIFICATION IS THAT A TUBE SYSTEM WOULD RESULT IN A MAJOR SAVING OF LABOR WHICH MEDTC ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENTLY EXPEND CARRYING THEIR LARGE VOLUME OF TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFICE AND INTRANSMISSION PAPERWORK TO AND FROM C&R. IT WOULD ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY SPEED UP THE MOVEMENT OF PAPER. THESE ARE PARTICULARLY WEIGHTY CONSIDERATION IN PHNOM PENH WHERE, OWING TO THE LIMITATION OF OUR NUMBERS BY LEGISLATIVE ACTION, WE MUST TAKE EVERY MEASURE TO REDUCE WORK LOADS OF OUR HARD PRESSED PERSONNEL. MEDTC HAS AGREED TO FUND, PROCURE AND INSTALL THE PROPOSED NEW SYSTEM.

2. C&R IS LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CHANCERY, WHEREAS MEDTC IS SITUATION ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF AN ANNEX IN THE CHANCERY COMPOUND. THERE IS AN OPEN SPACE OF APPROXIMATELY 40 YARDS

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BETWEEN THE TWO BUILDINGS. THE COMPOUND IS A CONTROLLED-ACCESS

AREA; HOWEVER, LOCAL NATIONAL EMPLOYEES HAVE UNESCORTED ACCESS.

3. MEDTC PROPOSES USING THIS TUBE FOR PASSING BOTH CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED TRAFFICE. BOTH TERMINALS WOULD BE LOCATED IN AREAS TO WHICH ONLY CLEARED U.S. PERSONNEL OVE ACCESS. MEDTC PROPOSES TO MAINTAIN SECURITY OVER CLASSIFIED MATERIAL BY HAVING THE SENDER TELEPHONE BEFORE SENDING A TUBE THROUGH AND BY HOLDING THE LINE OPEN UNTIL THE TUBE IS RECEIVED.

4. THE RESIDENT REGIONAL SECURITY OFFIVER HAS NO OBJECTION BUT HE POINTS OUT THAT HE HAS NO RULES OR CRITERIA ON WHICH TO BASE A CLEARANCE FOR THIS KIND OF PROPOSAL. THE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TUBE BE PLACED UNDERGROUND BETWEEN THE TWO BUILDINGS AS AN ADDED MEASURE OF SECURITY. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THE TUBE WOULD RUN DOWN THE OUTSIDE OF THE CHANCERY FROM THE THIRD FLOOR TO THE GROUND.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPROVE INSTALLATION OF THE PNEUMATIC TUBE SYSTEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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